

Surah 57 Surah Hadeed

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH HADEED AND THE PRECEDING SURAHs

Surah Najm declares that none can overrule Allaah's decision and that none can truly be of assistance besides Allaah. *Surah Qamar* then proceeds to explain that it is Only Allaah Who has created everything perfectly. In more detail, *Surah Ar Rahman* repeatedly expresses the belief that Allaah is the Creator, Master and Controller of the universe. Therefore, Only He must be regarded as the only source of blessings and fortune.

Thereafter, *Surah Waaqi'ah* asserts that Allaah's purity from all partners must be declared because none can share these attributes with Him. Once people have understood the above concepts, they should be prepared to invest their lives and their wealth for propagating Islaam.

After *Surah Hadeed*, all the Surahs until *Surah Tahreem* (Surah 66) share the same themes contained in *Surah Hadeed*. *Surah Hadeed* contains the following two themes:

1. Spending one's wealth in Allaah's path.
2. Encouragement for Jihaad.

The four Surahs following *Surah Hadeed* (viz. *Surahs Mujaadalah, Hashar, Mumtahina* and *Saff*) share the second of the two themes. The first theme is shared by the next four Surahs, viz. *Surahs Jumu'ah, Munafiqoon, Taghaabun* and *Talaaq*. Thereafter, as an epilogue, *Surah Tahreem* mentions both these themes. *Surahs Hashar, Saff, Jumu'ah* and *Taghaabun* begin with Allaah's glorification (Tasbeeh) so that people do not forget the principle belief in *Towheed* and to avoid of all types of Shirk. People must also realise that Jihaad is waged for the propagation of belief.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

- * An introduction.
- * The command to spend in Allaah's way.
- * Five reasons for spending in Allaah's path (in verses 7, 10, 11, 18 and 20).
- * Encouragement to take part in Jihaad.
- * Glad tidings of victory.

رَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ
يَا أَيُّهَا الْمَدِينَةُ كُونِي
بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

سَبِّحَ لِلَّهِ مَا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ①

1. Everything in the heavens and the earth glorifies Allaah (even though man cannot perceive it). He is the Mighty, the Wise.

لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ②

2. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, He gives life and death and has power over all things.

هُوَ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ③

3. He is the First (in existence before everything), the Last (will live forever, even though everything else may perish), the Apparent (His power is visible in all His creation), the Hidden (He cannot be seen in this world) and He has knowledge of everything (in the past, present and future).

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ يُعَلِّمُ مَا يَلِجُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَمَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ④

4. It is He Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then turned His attention towards the throne. He knows what enters the earth (such as rain), what emerges from it (such as plants), what descends from the sky (such as angels with His commands) and what lifts into it (such as the actions of man). He is with you wherever you are and Allaah sees whatever you do.

لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُرْجَعُ الْأُمُورُ ⑤

5. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and all matters return to Allaah (for judgement).

يُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَيُؤَلِّجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَهُوَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ⑥

6. He enters the night into the day and the day into the night. He has knowledge of the secrets of the heart.

أَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَأَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا جَعَلَكُمْ مُسْتَحْلِفِينَ فِيهِ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَأَنْفَقُوا لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ①

7. Believe in Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ and spend (in charity to please Allaah) from the wealth over which Allaah has made you trustees. There shall be a great reward for those of you who have Imaan and who spend (in charity for Allaah's pleasure).

وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ يَدْعُوكُمْ لِتُؤْمِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ وَقَدْ أَخَذَ مِيثَاقَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ①

8. Why is it that you do not believe in Allaah when the Rasool ﷺ is calling you to believe in your Rabb and when He (Allaah) has taken a pledge from you (the Pledge of Alist, with which you bound yourself to His worship) ? If you want to have Imaan (only then will the call of Rasulullaah ﷺ and a reminder of your pledge benefit you).

هُوَ الَّذِي يُنَزِّلُ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ لِّيُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِكُمْ لَعَرُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ①

9. It is He (Allaah) Who revealed clear Aayaat to His slave (Rasulullaah ﷺ) to remove you from darkness (of kufr and Shirk and to bring you) into light (of Imaan and Islaam). (Allaah makes the means for your guidance because) Indeed Allaah is Most Compassionate (Gentle) and Most Merciful (Kind) towards you.

وَمَا لَكُمْ أَلَّا تُنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلِلَّهِ مِيرَاثُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا يَسْتَوِي مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَاتِلْ أُولَئِكَ أَكْثَرُ دَرَجَةً مِنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدُ وَقَاتِلُوا وَكَلَّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ ①

10. Why is it that you do not spend in Allaah's way (to please Allaah) when the inheritance of the heavens and the earth belongs to Him? (Whatever you have in this world is only as a temporary owner. After all the temporary owners of possessions and properties die, it will be only Allaah Who will be Alive to take complete ownership of everything. Therefore, whatever wealth you hold back will be His eventually without benefiting you. For this reason, it is wise rather to spend whatever you can for His pleasure so that you can earn rewards for it.) None of you (Muslims) can equal (the rewards of) those (Sahabah رضوان الله عليهم) who spent (for Allaah's pleasure) and fought (in battle) before the conquest (of Makkah because their spending and fighting were against tremendous odds). These people are greater in status (higher in rank) than those who spent and fought after (the conquest of Makkah). However, Allaah has promised good (Jannah) for all and Allaah is Informed of what you do.

مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضْعِفُهُ لَهُ وَلَهُ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ①

11. Who is it that will lend to Allaah a beautiful (good) loan (by spending in causes that He recommends) so that Allaah may multiply it (his rewards) for him and so that he may have a generous reward?

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَى نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ بُشْرَاكُمُ الْيَوْمَ جَنَّتِ تَجْرَى مِنْ تَحْتِهَا
الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ⑩

12. On the day (of Qiyaamah), you will see the light of the Mu'mineen and Mu'minaat run ahead of them and on their right (and left)-hand sides (guiding them across the dark Bridge of Siraat). (They will be told,) "Today you are given the good news of Jannaat beneath which rivers flow, where you shall live forever." That is the supreme success.

يَوْمَ يَقُولُ الْمُنِفِقُونَ وَالْمُنِفِقَاتُ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا انْظُرُوا نَفْتِنَا مِن نُّورِكُمْ قِيلَ ارْجِعُوا وَرَاءَكُمْ
فَالْتَمِسُوا نُورًا فَضَرَبَ بَيْنَهُمُ سُورُ اللَّيْلِ بَابٌ بَاطِنُهُ فِيهِ الرَّحْمَةُ وَظَاهِرُهُ مِن قِبَلِهِ الْعَذَابُ ⑪

13. On that day the hypocrite (treacherous) men and hypocrite women shall say to the Mu'mineen, "Wait for us so that we may have some of your light." It will be said, "Return from where you came (where the light was distributed) and search for light there!" (However, they will be refused light when they go back and) Then (when they return to where the Mu'mineen are,) a wall with a gate will be placed between them (separating them from the Mu'mineen). Allaah's mercy will be on the inside (of the wall where the Mu'mineen are) while there will be punishment on the outside (where the hypocrites have been left).

يُنَادُوهُمْ أَلَمْ نَكُنْ مَعَكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَى وَلَكِنَّكُمْ فَتَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَتَرَبَّصْتُمْ وَارْتَبْتُمْ وَغَرَّتْكُمُ الْأَمَانِيُّ حَتَّى
جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ وَغَرَّكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ ⑫

14. They (the hypocrites) will call out to them (the Mu'mineen, saying), "Were we not (living) with you (in the world)?" They (the Mu'mineen) will reply, "Certainly, but (instead of sharing the true Imaan we had,) you trapped yourselves in deviation (and temptation, thereby remaining Kuffaar by heart), you laid in wait (to harm us at the first opportunity), you doubted (the truth of Islaam) and (worthless) hopes (that Islaam will perish some day) deceived you until Allaah's command (death) arrived. And (in addition to this) the deceiver (Shaytaan) deceived (misguided) you about Allaah (assuring you that Allaah will not punish you)."

فَالْيَوْمَ لَا يُوْخَذُ مِنْكُمْ فِدْيَةٌ وَلَا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مَأْوَاكُمُ النَّارُ هِيَ مَوْلَاكُمْ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ⑬

15. "Today ransom shall neither be accepted from you (hypocrites to free you from punishment) nor from the Kuffaar. Your abode shall be the Fire (of Jahannam) and it is the worst of (the most evil) places to return to."

أَلَمْ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَطَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمَدُ فَقَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

16. Has the time not come for the hearts of the Mu'mineen to submit to Allaah's remembrance (earnestly) and to the truth that has been revealed. (The time has now arrived for them to forsake sin and to do everything to fulfil all of Allaah's commands.) ? (Submit now before it is too late and) Do not become like those who were given the Book before (the Jews and Christians, who delayed in submitting completely to their Deen and did as they desired) after which a long period of time elapsed (in this disgraceful manner) and their hearts (eventually) hardened (because of their incessant sinning, thereby depriving them of the ability to repent). (In fact, even today) A large number of them (the Jews and Christians) are sinners (disobedient without any worry of retribution).

إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْيِي الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا قَدْ بَيَّنا لَكُمْ آيَاتِنا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

17. Know that Allaah revives the earth after its death (and can certainly turn you into a pious person once you have repented for your sins, regardless of their magnitude). We have explained the Aayaat for you so that you may understand (the truth).

إِنَّ الْمَصَدِّقِينَ وَالْمُصَدِّقَاتِ وَأَقْرَضُوا اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لِيُضْعِفَ لَهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ وَلَهُمْ أَجْرٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾

18. Verily Allaah shall multiply (increase the rewards of) those men who give charity, those women who give charity and those who give Allaah a beautiful (good) loan (by spending for Allaah's pleasure). Theirs shall be a generous reward (which will be multiplied at least ten times).

وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ وَالشَّهَادَةُ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَنُورُهُمْ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا أُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَحِيمِ ﴿١٩﴾

19. Those who believe in Allaah and His Rusul are extremely true (in their claim to Imaan) and are martyrs (for they have sacrificed their desires to fulfil Allaah's commands). They shall be near their Rabb where they shall have their reward and their light. Those who disbelieve and deny Our Aayaat will be the dwellers of the Blaze (Jahannam).

إِعْلَمُوا أَنَّما الْحَيَوةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهُوَ دِينُهُ وَنَفَاخَةٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ كَمَثَلِ غَيْثٍ أَعْجَبَ الْكُفَّارَ نَبَاتُهُ ثُمَّ يَهِيجُ فَتَرَاهُ مُصْفَرًّا ثُمَّ يَكُونُ حُطَامًا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٌ وَمَا الْحَيَوةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَآلِئُ الْمَتَاعِ الْعُرُورِ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. Know that the life of this world is merely play (sport), futility (of little use), decoration

(superficial), boasting among each other and rivalry (competition) in wealth and children. The example of this is like rain which feeds the plants that amaze (satisfies) the farmers. Thereafter, it dries and you will see it become yellow, only to be reduced to bits. (Similarly, the world seems attractive but will soon be reduced to worthless ruins.) (However, reality is) In the Aakhirah (where) there shall (either) be severe punishment (for the Kuffaar or), forgiveness and (Allaah's) pleasure (for the Mu'mineen). The life of this world is but items of deception. (It deceives people into thinking that it is the be all and end all of their existence, thereby deceiving them into chasing after material things at the expense of their Aakhirah.)

سَابِقُوا إِلَى مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا كَعَرْضِ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أُعِدَّتْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ
ذَٰلِكَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَّشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢١﴾

21. (Instead of chasing after the things of this world, rather) Race towards the forgiveness of your Rabb and a Jannah, the width of which is like that of the sky and the earth. (The length is unimaginable.) It has been prepared for those who believe in Allaah and His Rusul. This (forgiveness and Allaah's pleasure) is the grace of Allaah which He gives to whoever He desires. Allaah is the Possessor of immense grace.

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ نَبْرَأَهَا إِنَّ ذَٰلِكَ عَلَى اللَّهِ يَسِيرٌ ﴿٢٢﴾

22. Every calamity that afflicts you on earth (such as earthquakes and other disasters) and in yourselves (such as diseases and anxiety) is recorded in the Book (the "Lowhul Mahfoodh") before We even bring it about (make it happen). This is certainly easy for Allaah.

لِكَيْلَا تَأْسَوْا عَلَىٰ مَا فَاتَكُمْ وَلَا تَفْرَحُوا بِمَا آتَاكُمْ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ كُلَّ مُخْتَالٍ فَخُورٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

23. (You are informed of this) So that you do not grieve about what you lose (because you know that this is Allaah's will) and you do not boast about what you receive (because you know that it is from Allaah). Allaah dislikes every haughty (proud) braggart (who praises himself for what he has, thereby refusing to acknowledge Allaah's favours to him)...

الَّذِينَ يَبْنُونَ وَيَأْمُرُونَ النَّاسَ بِالْبُخْلِ وَمَن يَتَوَلَّ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ ﴿٢٤﴾

24....who is miserly and who instructs (teaches) others to be miserly. And whoever turns away (from thanking and worshipping Allaah), then (he should know that) Allaah is certainly Independent (not in need of his gratitude or worship), Most Worthy of praise (all praise belongs to Him regardless of whether the Kaafir accepts it or not).

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

25. Indeed We have sent Our Rusul with clear proofs (advice and guidance) and sent with them the Book (divine scriptures) and the Scale (laws to enforce justice) so that people uphold justice (by acting according to the Shari'ah). And (in addition to the many favours We have given mankind) We have (also) sent (created) iron (which is indispensable to man and) which holds great (fighting) power (when used to make weapons of war) and benefits for man. (Allaah has created iron for man) So that He knows who will (use the weapons made from iron to) assist Him (His Deen) and His Rusul without seeing Him (Allaah and without seeing the rewards of the Akhirah). Verily Allaah is Powerful, Mighty. (Although Allaah does not need man's assistance to promote His Deen, He instructs man to assist in its propagation for man's own benefit.)

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي دُرِّيَّتِهِمَا النُّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ فَمِنْهُمْ مُهْتَدٍ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

26. Verily We have sent Nooh (عليه السلام) and Ibraheem (عليه السلام) (as Ambiyaa to their people) and We had sustained (appointed) Prophethood and scriptures in their progenies (by making many of their offspring Ambiyaa (عليه السلام) and revealing scriptures to them). Among them (their progenies) were those who were rightly guided but many of them were sinners (disobedient).

ثُمَّ قَفَّيْنَا عَلَىٰ آثَارِهِم بِرُسُلِنَا وَقَفَّيْنَا بِعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ وَآتَيْنَاهُ الْإِنجِيلَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُ رَأْفَةً وَرَحْمَةً وَرَهْبَانِيَّةً ابْتَدَعُوهَا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَّا ابْتِغَاءَ رِضْوَانِ اللَّهِ فَمَا رَعَوْهَا حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهَا فَآتَيْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَسِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. Thereafter (after Nooh (عليه السلام) and Ibraheem (عليه السلام) We successively sent Our Rusul in their footsteps (to guide people as they did). (Eventually) We sent Isa (عليه السلام) the son of Maryam, gave him the Injeel and placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him. They invented monasticism (involving isolation from society and forsaking marriage and pleasures) which We did not ordain for them but they did it in search of Allaah's pleasure (to preserve their Deen from the corruption that society introduced to it). However, they did not observe it (its demands) as it ought to have been observed (because its demands were against human nature). (However, after the coming of Rasulullaah (ﷺ) We granted their reward to those of them who had Imaan (who believed in Rasulullaah (ﷺ) and accepted Islaam) while many of them were sinners (choosing to stay away from Islaam).

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرُسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ أَفْزَادًا مِمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَآمِنُوا بِرُسُولِهِ يُؤْتِكُمْ أَفْزَادًا مِمَّا كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. O you (Christians) who believe (in Isa (عليه السلام)! Fear Allaah and believe in His Rasool, He shall grant you two shares of His mercy (one for believing in Isa (عليه السلام) and another for accepting Islaam and believing in Rasulullaah (ﷺ), create a light for you to walk in (to guide you in this world and on the Bridge of Siraat) and forgive you. Allaah is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

لَسَّا يَعْلَمُ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ إِلَّا يَقْدِرُونَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِّنْ فَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَأَنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَن يَشَاءُ
وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ٢٩

29. *(Allaah has granted all these favours)* **So that the People of the Book** *(who have not accepted Islaam)* **may know that they have no power over Allaah's grace** *(they will not attain salvation without accepting Islaam)* **and that all grace is in Allaah's hand. He grants it to whoever He pleases** *(He grants salvation to whoever He wills at His discretion).* **Allaah is the Possessor of immense grace** *(beauty).*